IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: 8888 EXAMINER: Michael J. DiVerdi Agapiou, et al. SERIAL NUMBER: 09/113,216 **GROUP ART UNIT:** 1755 FILED: July 10, 1998 ATTY. DOCKET NO.: 98U004

FOR: A Catalyst Composition And DATE: June 19, 2000

Methods For Its Preparation and Use In A Polymerization Process

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response and amendment to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2000. Please charge deposit account 50-0589 for a request for a one month extension of time. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Once Amended) A catalyst composition comprising, in combination, a polymerization catalyst comprising a bulky ligand metallocene-type catalyst compound and a carboxylate metal salt.

Cancel claim 2

Cancel claim 3

Claim 10 (Once Amended) A method of making a catalyst composition, the method comprising the steps of combining:

- a polymerization catalyst comprising a bulky ligand metallocene-type (a) catalyst compound; and
- a carboxylate metal salt. (b)